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President Talks With Argentine; Urges Restraint

Galtieri Expresses Desire for Falklands Accord

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WASHINGTON, April 15— President Reagan today urged President Leopoldo Galtieri of Argentina to show flexibility and restraint in the Falkland Islands crisis and help spare the Western Hemisphere a conflict that "would be a tragedy and would leave a bitter legacy."

The two leaders spoke for about 20 minutes in a telephone call initiated by the Argentine leader, who "reaffirmed to President Reagan his personal desire for a peaceful resolution of the dispute," according to a White House press statement released tonight.

With Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. due to land in Buenos Aires tonight for a new round of his mediation effort, Washington officials were encouraged by the fact that President Galtieri had taken the initiative to call the President and reaffirm his desire for a peaceful settlement of Argentina's dispute with Britain over the Falklands.

'Still a Ways to Go'

Mr. Reagan told General Galtieri that "we still have a ways to go" to develop a peaceful resolution of the dispute. But he said he was "hopeful that we can find a just and peaceful solution to this very serious matter," according to the White House statement.

The conversation between the two men came as Argentina's only aircraft carrier and other Argentine ships reportedly left port, where they had been since Britain imposed a naval blockade for 200 miles around the Falklands on Monday. Military spokesmen declined to confirm the fleet's departure or to comment on whether Argentina was planning to challenge the blockade.

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Administration officials were particularly pleased at General Galtieri's call

because they had been worried that the Argentine Government might question United States evenhandedness in mediating the dispute after publication of reports that Washington was sharing communications facilities and intelligence with London under longstanding agreements.

Some officials had feared that this disclosure might cause the Argentines to break off the mediation efforts. Mr. Haig sought Wednesday to reassure

Buenos Aires of United States good faith as a mediator.

United States officials said the two Presidents had not discussed the issue of Washington's sharing of intelligence with Britain or reports that the Soviet Union might have passed on intelligence to Argentina about the movements of the British naval force that is approaching the Falklands.